

REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Solely in response to the Examiner's Restriction Requirement please cancel claims 15-37 herein. Applicant reserves all rights to reintroduce these claims at a later time during the prosecution of this application or divisional or continuing applications.

The applicant does not agree with the statement by the Examiner that

"As demonstrated by USPN 6,287,485, at least one independent claim of the application does not avoid the prior art, therefore, the special technical feature of the application is anticipated by or obvious in view of the prior art."

and since the Examiner made no specific rejection to any claims on either 102 or 103 grounds, the applicant will not respond to this statement until a clear rejection is made by the Examiner to one or more specific claims on such grounds.

At this time the Applicant has decided to prosecute Claims 1 to 14 which are in Group I and are drawn to a filament or fiber. These claims are of Species 1 and are drawn to the filament or fiber illustrated in Figures 1 and 2. If no generic claim is held allowable, the claims shall be restricted to Species 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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